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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 April 2001.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 8-20 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 30 April 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Aggarwal (USP 6154463).

Regarding claim 1, Aggarwal discloses (Figs 1-17 and col. 1, line 10 to col. 25, lines 55) a method practiced at a gateway server (Fig 1 2, Ref R1 is multicast session directory server) connected to a Multicast network (Fig 2, the links between the routers) and a Unicast network (Fig 2, a link between host and router) for adapting Multicast sessions on said Multicast network in response to requests by a Unicast client on said Unicast network comprising accumulating directory information relating to Multicast sessions on said Multicast network (col. 7, lines 1-42, the server exchanges the session information “read on accumulating the sessions”); supplying said Unicast client with said directory information (col. 11, lines 3-12); receiving a request at the gateway server from said Unicast client to adapt sessions on said Multicast network, said request including information about at least one Multicast session, sending at least one message regarding said at least one Multicast session to at least one address on said Multicast network (col. 11, lines 3-12).

Regarding claim 2, Aggarwal discloses said request to adapt sessions on said Multicast network received at said gateway server comprises a request to create a new Multicast session on said Multicast network, and wherein said information about said at least one Multicast session comprises information about said new Multicast session (Col. 21, lines 34-42).

Regarding claim 3, Aggarwal discloses said sending messages regarding said new Multicast session comprises announcing said new Multicast session onto said Multicast network to a predetermined Multicast address for such announcements (col. 11, lines 3-12).

Regarding claim 4, Aggarwal discloses the Unicast and Multicast networks are IP (Internet Protocol) Unicast and IP Multicast networks, respectively (Fig 2).

Regarding claim 5, Aggarwal discloses said announcing said new Multicast session onto said Multicast network comprises announcing said new Multicast session periodically onto said Multicast network (Col. 7, lines 38-42).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aggarwal (USP 6154463).

Regarding claims 6-7, Aggarwal fails to disclose authenticating said Unicast client before supplying the Unicast client with the directory information and authenticates the user before

allowing the user to create a discussion group. However, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to implement a login function at the server before forwarding the directory information to the user or allow a user to create a discussion group because Aggarwal suggests that a server authenticates the user before allowing the user to join a discussion group and the security function is well known and expected in the art. The motivation would have been to provide a security for the server.

Allowable Subject Matter

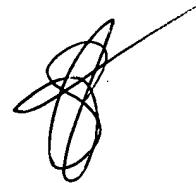
5. Claims 8-20 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven HD Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3159. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy D Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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